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COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 1-5.—State fair at Wichita.
 AUGUST 3.—Populist County Convention at Hoisington.
 SEPTEMBER 7.—Picnic of Modern Woodmen at Great Bend.
 AUGUST 8th and 9th.—Baseball games between the Great Bend and Marion teams at Great Bend.
 AUGUST 10.—Caucuses to choose delegates to the Democratic County Convention.
 AUGUST 17.—Democratic County Convention at Great Bend.
 AUGUST 28th and 29th.—Soldiers' reunion at Rush Center.
 Sterling and Great Bend today.
 T. Elliott was very sick last week.
 The hay crop will be immense this year.
 C. N. Johnson went to Holton Tuesday.
 There is considerable sickness among children.
 Charles A. Glick of Dodge City Sundayed here.
 The beautiful, blushing schoolmarm's are with us.
 Miss Ada Brinkman of Larned Sundayed here.
 The Woodmen will give a big picnic on September 7.
 R. B. Warren went to Dodge Tuesday on business.
 George W. Greene, Jr., visited at La Crosse this week.
 Harry O'Brien is back from his sojourn in Arkansas.
 Sterling and Great Bend play ball today at this place.
 Joseph Horton of Stafford was here Monday on business.
 Lew Kelly now occupies the Birdsall property, Third ward.
 Nick Smith was up the branch on Tuesday selling flour.
 What this community needs is a law that will demonize brass.
 Joe Strothman of Claflin visited his brother Frank on Monday.
 R. O. Sturgeon, a legal luminary of Sterling, was here Saturday.
 Postmaster Joe Welsh of Claflin was over to see the fun Saturday.
 Mrs. Tom Clayton left Tuesday for a visit in Topeka and Illinois.
 Miss Alice Reynolds is an instructor in the normal at Dodge City.
 James Pizinger was down from the vicinity of Olmitz last Friday.
 John Boughen and family of Pueblo visited Pat Boughen this week.
 Charley Allison made a business trip to Kansas City this week.
 Frank Yeoman, county clerk of Rush county, was in the city Sunday.
 H. L. Lindsey was an enthusiastic McPherson fan here last Friday.
 Rev. Davis held services in the country west of town last Sunday.
 Miss Maud Griffith wheeled over to Hoisington Sunday to visit friends.
 Miss Florence Townsley has gone to Topeka to enter upon her duties as instructor in music at Washburn college.

A. R. Moss and family have returned from their summer outing in the Rockies.

The McPherson boys were not fresh because they had Dr. Salthouse with them.

Smed Wilkinson, John Houston and Frank Byram are pop candidates for sheriff.

Mrs. Ed Ivens is up from Oklahoma visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bruce.

"Water, water, everywhere, but not much fit to drink," is the cry from the lowlands.

Business brought D. J. Lewis and Warren Whaley over from Hoisington on Thursday.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson of Stafford county died last week.

The DEMOCRAT "called the turn" on most of the ticket ratified in convention Saturday.

Roy Putnam, "Doc" Gray and lady friends drove over from Hoisington Sunday evening.

The republican county central committee meet on the 10th. Get ready to ante up, boys.

Mrs. Jane Murdy has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Murdy, deceased.

M. N. Towers came all the way down from Albion township to take in the ball game Friday.

Miss Tillie Smith came over from Hoisington last week for a visit with Mrs. Emma Hart.

Sheriff Spencer took George Bostick, the 15-year-old burglar, to the reform school on Tuesday.

Joab McCall, the long Great Bend boy from Ellinwood, was in town with the crowd Saturday.

The mosquito has started to stick the bills announcing his farewell appearance for the season.

Hon. Tim McCarthy of Larned was showing his good natured face to our people last Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Cassidy Heizer, sister of D. N. Heizer, is engaged in missionary work at Sitka, Alaska.

Prof. E. B. Smith of this city is conducting the county normal institute at Cimarron, Gray county.

The park is said to be alive with chiggers, and a great many men complain of having "hives."

Frank Rose has resigned as superintendent of the electric light plant and will soon go to Montana.

Mrs. Jordan and son Montie drove to Dodge City last week to visit Mrs. Jordan's daughter, Mrs. Tarpot.

Will M. Goodwin, formerly foreman of the Register at this place, is now editor of the Weir City Journal.

Mrs. Willner, daughters Nellie and Clara and son Ed, left Monday for their home in Kansas City, Kan.

What is left of the populist party in this county will hold a county convention at Hoisington next Saturday.

Yes, Jim Savage was 55 Monday, but a person would hardly think it from his blithesome kittenish maneuvers.

Cutting down the wages of teachers is like changing your will so as to cut the children out of their share of your wealth.

Dan Williams and B. F. Wilson of Ellinwood were here Saturday to arrange for a picnic of the Woodmen in September.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Harris, formerly of this county, but now of Pomona, Franklin county, last Thursday.

Will Armstrong accepted a position as engineer in the flouring mills at Galva, Kan., and left the first of the week for that place.

Allen Hornbeck, the ice man, who was injured by a kick from a horse a few weeks since, is getting along very nicely, considering the hot weather.

Mary had a little lamb,
 It followed her each day,
 Till Mary put the bloomers on,
 And then it ran away.

On our eighth page will be found the quarterly statement of the county treasurer.

The bottom lands in the Arkansas valley are well soaked—some of them too well soaked.

Rev. Joseph Kenan came in from the east yesterday to visit with his son, Cal Kenan.

Rube Charles is happy again, his wife and son having returned from their Illinois visit.

A great many of the town dogs seem to be troubled with insomnia these moonlight nights.

Rob Sohermerhorp of Hutchinson was badly injured about the eyes this week by an explosion while repairing a bicycle.

Mrs. Belle Stevenson and daughter of Paris, Texas, came in Friday morning to visit her sisters, Mrs. O. J. Richards.

Luther Frost, an old resident, and manager of the Moses irrigation plant, west of town, has been dangerously ill with erysipilus.

Mrs. Lou Richards left for her home in Beatrice, Neb., on Tuesday. O. J. Richards accompanied her as far as Manhattan, Kan.

The union services at the park on Sunday evenings are gaining in popularity. A thousand people turned out Sunday evening.

Charley Bosworth went home to Guthrie last Friday, after a delightful week with friends here. Charley is in a bank there.

The whole Arkansas valley is now thoroughly sub-irrigated, and a successful crop of any kind next year is an assured fact.

James Clayton, son and daughter, were up from Topeka last Saturday—Jim to manage county politics and the children to visit relatives.

Bernhard Vierthaier on Saturday proved up on the northeast quarter of section 26, township 18, range 11, before District Clerk Charles.

Mack Wicken, a well known Santa Fe engineer, was killed in a wreck at Monument, Colo., last week. His engine went through a bridge.

Miss Lizzie Phelps writes that she is getting along nicely in business as a commercial traveler. She is working in eastern Kansas this week.

Prof. N. F. Daum of this city left for Meade, Kansas, last Friday, where he has a position as instructor in the Meade county normal institute.

A kindergarten teacher told her pupils to write a sentence containing the word "toward." A small urchin wrote, "I tore my pants to-day."

The bills do not say so, but the ball game this afternoon between Sterling and Great Bend, will be played here in Great Bend, at the Aber track.

The populists have their pow wow Saturday of this week. They should look at the situation practically and give the democrats a clear field in THIS FALL'S fight.

It does not matter how flourishing business may be six months from now, the man who is "going to advertise when business improves" will be just as numerous.

Albert Cameron of Gallitan, Mo., came out to Great Bend last week to visit with his uncle, John W. Dawson, and family. He may remain permanently in this county.

Whenever you hear a school marm say her health is failing or she is going to quit teaching you may make up your mind there is going to be a wedding. We speak from observance.

John Howard came down from Eureka Friday to look over the ground and see whether or not he had best play the "dark horse" in the sheriff go-as-you-please handicap Saturday.

We believe it would pay to drop three-fourths of our wheat crop and raise oats, corn, cane, millet, alfalfa and rye. They are all surer crops than wheat.

Ernest Speck, who escaped from the Ossawatimie asylum and wandered back to his home near Hoisington, was taken back to the insane asylum on Monday.

J. L. G. Sweeney, formerly a teacher in the Barton county schools, was last week married to Miss Bennett of Lakin, Kan. They will reside at Canon City, Colo.

Garden City Imprint: Mid Shockey of Shockey, Grant county, was here Saturday and marketed three hogs, the aggregate weight of which was over 1,300 pounds.

The DEMOCRAT's advertising columns look tolerably thin at this season. The DEMOCRAT has never been in the habit of running dead ads to keep up an appearance of business.

Judge L. M. Kniseley of Hoisington dropped in the other day for a chat. We are pleased to state that his arm, which has been very badly crippled since last February, is much improved.

A biographer of Wagner asserts that the composer's strongest emotion was his love for dogs. People who listen to some of the pianos around town have always believed it was cats or parrots.

W. I. Johnson writes us from Thayer, Kan., that he has not yet located on a farm, but expects to soon. They have been blessed with an abundance of rain, and will have a big corn crop, lots of fruit, etc.

Tom Shaughnessy is conducting a little daily at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, called the Graphic. It is the same size as our guttersnipe, but a much better paper, however, in every respect.

Pete Dougherty, the popular Ellinwood druggist, accompanied by his wife and son, came up to the ball game Friday, thinking possibly he might find a republican candidate for sheriff in the crowd.

It is not often Barton county crops are hurt by too much water, but A. B. Gifford, southwest of town, lost the most of his potatoes—about 200 bushels—by the back water from the river covering them.

The second nine defeated a picked nine of country boys west of town the other day. Dunn and Allison for the town and McMullin and Thatcher for the country were the batteries, and the score was 11 to 9.

George Pelter, southwest of town, suffered considerable loss of crops from the high water last week. One of these days our river bottom farmers will have to build dykes to protect their lands from floods.

Frank Ullom and family left for Sarcocoe, Mo., Tuesday of last week. He traded his farm in Barton county for Missouri property. One of these days Frank will be moseying back to Barton, beautiful Barton.

Frank Krum, whose farm house, eight miles west of Great Bend, was destroyed some months ago, has moved the old McBride house, on the corner north of the Methodist church, to the farm, and will have it fixed up.

James Shrofe has gone into business for himself and opened a neat barber shop one door west of the First National bank, where he will be pleased to see all his friends. Jim is a good workman and we wish him success.

Colonel C. L. Jones of the Cheyenne was in Saturday to see the great republican hypodrome of 1895. He believes that the democrats should now pull themselves together with their old time vigor and put a ticket in the field that will sweep the platter.

Well, Jim Sroufe has quit Shockey and started a shop of his own one door west of the First National bank. Jim is prepared to serve the public in the way of shaving, hair cutting, shampooing, razor honing, etc., and guarantees to please you. Give him a call.

Miss Maida Cobun resigned her position at the deaf and dumb asylum at Olathe and will visit during the summer at Boston with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Dawson.

Prof. E. T. Mathes will deliver a lecture to the normal institute on Tuesday evening, August 6. It will be highly humorous, entitled, "A Tale of Woe." Free to all.

Arthur Miller, a sturdy young democrat of Buffalo township, five miles west of town, is rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, who came last Monday morning.

Lyons Republican: Pastor Enyeart of the M. E. church has been granted a three months leave of absence and will spend the time in California. If he finds a good location there it is doubtful if he ever returns.

The man who attends to his own business usually succeeds the best in life, but he who devotes the greater part of his time looking after others usually fails. We merely mention this in hopes that it will benefit some who read this item.

Since we have asked some republicans what they thought of the resolutions adopted by the county convention and heard them express themselves as "highly elated," we think it would be a good idea to put an insane ward in the county poor farm.

We are sorry to learn that the place of J. B. Roberts, southeast of the depot, is a total wreck since the great flood of the Arkansas river. His house was surrounded with deep water for seven days, and he lost everything he had. It is very hard on John, indeed.

We have adopted a rule that all notices for churches and societies, where the object is to make money, will be inserted at one-half our regular rates. Every line in a newspaper costs something and if you do not pay for it the publishers must, and this we cannot do.

A Larned girl that worked three weeks selling baking powder to get a safety that a Chicago firm advertised to give anyone selling three hundred cans of their stuff, was hot enough to warp her clothes when she got a big pin, such as is used to keep the baby's bloomers on with.

One of two conditions should come to pass. Either the teachers of our public schools should cease to use the newspapers as a common pack horse or, as a class, become subscribers to it. There is no objection on our part to this suggestion being remembered by all whom it may concern.

The guttersnipe says its popularity consists of its being a friend to the croakers and kickers, the disgruntled and dissatisfied. Misery loves company, you know, and the admission of the snipe is an exhibition of candor not often met with except among very small children and imbeciles.

Two male bicyclists dressed in knickerbockers struck the village of Bunker Hill the other day and the landlady of the hotel would not allow them to enter the dining room, on the ground that they were not properly attired. We hear they are so modest over there that the table legs are decorously draped.

Larned Eagle-Optic: Jake Jackson, who has established himself in the restaurant business at Great Bend, came up to see his wife and babies Sunday, returning to the Bend Monday evening. We hear that Mr. Jackson has a nice establishment in a good location and that he is doing a very fair business to begin with.

The Arkansas river at this point has been higher the past week than at any time since 1877. The water came up Main street to the Walnut Creek mill track and flowed with a strong current around the north side of the company's office, and the floor was bridged to get to them. Gar dens south of the track are ruined and many fish ponds overflowed and the finny tribe released. The banks were lined with spectators daily to witness the novel sight.